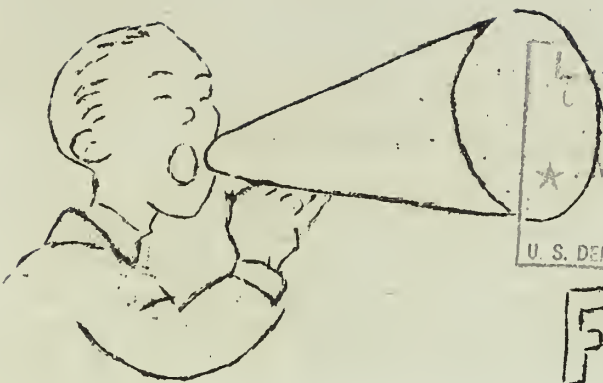


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CONFERENCE OF STATE, COUNTY, AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEEMEN

The annual conference for Delaware ASC State, County, and Community Committeemen will be held in Capital Grange Hall, S. Governor's Avenue, Dover, Delaware on Tuesday March 3, 1959 starting at 10 A.M.

Discussions will be held on administering ASC programs with special emphasis on ACP and Conservation Reserve Programs.

Mr. John A. Lannon, Area Director for Delaware, Mr. Thomas Hamilton or Mr. Ely Wickham, Director of the Soil Bank Division which directs the Conservation Reserve program and Mr. Hartman Rector of the ACP Service will be our Washington guests. Dr. George M. Worrilow, Dean and Director, School of Agriculture, University of Delaware, plans to be with us.

ACREAGE RESERVE PAYMENTS FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES

ASC State offices have been informed of the contents of a letter dated February 11, 1959, received from the Director, Tax Rulings Division, U. S. Treasury Department on this subject. It states an acreage reserve negotiable certificate received by a producer represents a sum set apart for him which is includable in his gross income in the taxable year he receives it.

USDA SETS 1959 - CROP MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES

Wheat - Loans and purchase agreements available from time of harvest through January 31, 1960. Loans will mature February 28, 1960. Farm storage and warehouse storage loan and purchase agreements available at a minimum national average of \$1.31 per bushel. This compares to \$1.82 national average recalculated by the July 1958 parity.

Corn - Loans and purchase agreements available from time of harvest through March 31. Loans will mature April 30, 1960 in Delaware. Farm storage and purchase agreements available at a minimum national average of \$1.12 per bushel for all corn that meets quality and storage requirements, with adjustments for grade, quality, location, and other factors. Under the program in effect for the 1958 crop of corn, the national support rate is \$1.36 for farmers who complied with their corn allotments and \$1.06 for commercial area producers who did not comply with allotments. There will be no acreage allotments and no designated commercial area for corn for 1959. This program was provided by law and approved by more than 70 percent of the farmers voting in a referendum last November.

USDA SETS 1959 - CROP MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES (CONT'D)

Rye - Oats - Barley - Soybeans - Price supports for 1959-crop rye, oats, barley, and soybeans were announced February 18. National average dollars-and-cents supports for 1959, with 1958 rates in parentheses, are: Rye 90¢ (\$1.10) per bushel for Grade No. 2 or better, or Grade No. 3 on test weight only; oats - 50¢ (61¢) per bushel for Grade No. 3; barley - 77¢ (93¢) per bushel for Grade No. 2 or better (except mixed barley); and soybeans - \$1.85 (\$2.09) per bushel.

County support rates, with premiums and discounts for classes and differences in quality, of all the grains will be made available later through the county ASC offices.

"NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK AND THE SOIL BANK"

March 15 through March 21 is National Wildlife Week. It will be observed throughout the country by schools, civic groups, and other organizations interested in wildlife conservation. Farmers, of course, have a vital interest in wildlife as well as other natural resources. All of us have a vital interest in conservation - not only because of the benefits we ourselves will derive from it, but also because of the benefits that accrue to our children and our children's children. Many of our ASC programs have wildlife aspects to them. The one most directly involved is the Conservation Reserve of the Soil Bank. We have just about wound up the signing of contracts that begin this year, 1959. Many farmers are cooperating with the Delaware Board of Game and Wildlife Commissioners in putting wildlife cover borders on many of their fields; some are putting in fish ponds or water cover for waterfowl and fur animals. Still other farmers are planting trees for forestry purposes which will provide cover.

USDA RESEARCHERS NEED IDENTICAL-TWIN BEEF CALVES

Several pairs of identical-twin beef-type calves are needed by USDA scientists for use in nutrition & breeding studies to be conducted at USDA's Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville, Md. Calves sought for purchase can be purebred, grade, or crossbred animals, less than 5 months old, & born before June 1, 1959. Either heifer or bull calves will be purchased.

FARM PRODUCTS SELL AT BARGAIN RATES

All major farm commodities in 1958 sold at lower prices than they did in 1952. In terms of city wages, consumers now can buy more than twice as much food for one hour's pay as they could in 1929. Of each \$1 consumers spend for food, farmers get less than 40¢. This is 12¢ less than they received ten years ago. Most of the difference goes to pay for the "built-in maid services" consumers now demand.

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